



Housing Process Streamlined for Next Semester

By KYLE LEFTLER

The University of Mary Washington has introduced several new updates to its housing selection process for the 2012-2013 school year.

Associate Director for Operations and Housing Keith Cosentino said, "The whole goal is to make the process more customer-friendly."

Cosentino explained that the changes to the housing selection process may seem confusing at first, but will ultimately benefit students by making the process easier.

The changes are meant to eliminate the unnecessary wait time between selection sessions, which will streamline the entire process, according to Cosentino. Michelle Brooks, operations and housing coordinator, expects that each student will have selected their place of residence before spring break.

The lottery system will remain the same; lottery numbers will be based on class level and GPA. Students will still be able to use their roommate's lottery number to select their housing ahead of their personal number's appointed time.

New changes will eliminate time slots meant for students who have already selected their housing using another person's number, decreasing the amount of time the entire process takes.

The Office of Residence Life will update students constantly about which places of residence are available. Appointment times will be received via email at least 24 hours in advance.

Randolph and Mason Halls will again be available for students, although the decision as to which hall will house only freshman has not yet been made.

A sample room will be available for students before housing selection begins.

Residence Life is focused on increasing the interaction between student and academic affairs, explained Brooks. To encourage this, the new rotunda area between Randolph and Mason Halls will house seminar rooms and study spaces.

Freshman Allison Mackrell said that she is excited to see what the renovations will be like, since she has never seen the inside of either hall before.

When asked what she thinks about the integration of academics and student life through the rotunda area, Mackrell responded, "That sounds like a really good idea, now I live in Jefferson and I feel like there's no good place to study or get work done."

Willard Hall will now offer only single rooms at a premium price. South Hall will not be available for students, as it is being used for an international program. The UMW Apartments will still be reserved for students with 60 or more credits, and Eagle Landing will still be designated for upperclassman only.

Brooks and Cosentino encouraged students to speak with their parents during winter break to determine which dorm or apartment complex might be best for them. Students should sign their housing agreement and meal plan contract before attending the housing selection.

Brooks strongly encouraged students to visit the Residence Life website for more details regarding housing selection, and to vigilantly check their email during the selection process, as updates will be frequent.



Marie Sicola/Bullet

Chandler Hall, the site for the new Campus Center, will not be demolished until Fall 2013 due to funding issues.

Campus Center Project Delayed

By JONATHAN POLSON

According to a campus-wide email from Rick Pearce, vice president for administration and finance at UMW, construction on the new campus center, which will be built on the site of Chandler Hall, is being delayed.

The construction was initially intended to begin in the summer of 2012, but is being delayed until the summer of 2013, according to Pearce. He said this would push the opening of the new campus center back one year to Fall 2015.

"It is important to note that the Campus Center project is very important and we are strongly committed to its construction; however, it is prudent to modify the timeline due to its interrelationship with other impending projects," said Pearce.

UMW students are disappointed at the news that the new

campus center, which will include a new dining hall, will not arrive when originally intended.

"I guess it would have been a great opportunity for us," said Kiana Frank, a freshman.

According to a Bullet article from November 2010, UMW commissioned the architecture firm Burt, Hill in October 2009 for \$600,000 to "envision changes to the University of Mary Washington's campus that will provide new functional space as well as beautify the existing buildings."

A previous Bullet article from April 2011 stated that a committee of six UMW faculty members and a Burt, Hill architect proposed Chandler Hall to be the site of the new Campus Center. The Board of Visitors approved the plan later that month.

The removal of Chandler Hall to build the new Campus

Center would require relocating the school's psychology and business administration departments to Woodward campus center and Mercer Hall, respectively, which also requires major renovations, stated Pearce.

He continued to say that these renovations would require these departments to "stay in temporary facilities longer than originally planned and we need to do all that we can to avoid this possibility."

"The best-case funding scenario," according to Pearce, for the upcoming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 would only allow for pre-planning money for the Woodward campus center and Mercer Hall renovations.

"Pre-planning funds will permit the University to develop 'conceptual drawings' of these projects, but not the final, ready

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School Attempts To Boost Retention

By BROOKE MATTA

The James Farmer Multicultural Center is planning to institute a new peer-mentoring program in fall 2012 called the Resources Inspiring Student Excellence (RISE) program. The program pairs incoming students with upperclassmen mentors based on commonalities, which the Multicultural Center hopes will increase University of Mary Washington's retention rates.

The RISE mission statement states that the program is "designed to provide a connection for first-year, underrepresented students in their transition to the UMW community."

According to Marion Sanford, director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center, "underrepresented students" include people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds, sexual minorities, religious minorities and first-generation college students.

However, Sanford explained that although RISE targets the aforementioned students specifically, anyone may apply to and be accepted into the program, which will be implemented during Fall 2012.

"We envision that [the program] will have a very positive effect on retention," said Sanford, who believes RISE will help incoming students transition and feel more comfortable in the campus community.

Sanford also said that she hopes the program will increase student satisfaction, which will subsequently increase retention.

"We know that students who feel good about being here stay here, and that's what we're trying to accomplish," she said.

Drema Khraibani, a junior

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Loan Debt Crushing College Grads

By BETH REHBEHN

The current outstanding student loan debt has now surpassed the outstanding current credit card debt, according to FinAid.org and CNBC's report "The Price of Admission."

FinAid.org reported that the student loan debt has been increasing at a rate of \$2,853.88 per second, a rate that's two to three times faster than the rising inflation rate.

President Barack Obama addressed the student debt crisis on Oct. 26, when he announced his plan for a student loan debt relief proposal.

In his recent syndicated column in *The Bullet*, Obama stated, "Living with that much debt forces you to make some

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Yawen Maier/Bullet

Adrienne Brovero won Debate Coach of the Year.

UMW Debate Coach Named Year's Best

By YAWEN MAIER

Head Debate Coach Adrienne Brovero received the Ross K. Smith National Coach of the Year Award from the National Debate Tournament on Friday Nov. 11.

Wake Forest gives the award annually to recognize the most distinguished and accomplished intercollegiate debate coach in America today.

This is the first time a UMW debate coach has won the National Coach of the Year award. Some of the previous recipients include coaches from Dartmouth College, Emory University, Wake Forest University, Harvard University and the University of California-Berkeley.

Brovero stated that receiving the award was a total surprise, and that she felt a little overwhelmed and emotional.

A press release by UMW debate director Tim O'Donnell stated, "There is no higher honor

in the debate coaching profession, and this recognition by her peers affirms what we at UMW have long known - Adrienne Brovero is one of the best debate coaches in the country."

Sophomore Patrick McCleary, who has been on the debate team for two years, said, "I'm very proud that Adrienne won the Coach of the Year Award, she is more than deserving."

The award is named after Ross K. Smith, who was Brovero's debate coach at Wake Forest when she attended. Jayne Craig Smith, the wife of Ross Smith, presented the award to Brovero.

Since UMW hired Brovero in 2006, the debate team has won several titles, including a third place finish at the National Debate Tournament in 2010.

Before Brovero began coaching at UMW, she held coaching

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Brovero Given Top Honors At Debate Tournament

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positions at Wake Forest University, University of Michigan, Northwestern University and University of Richmond.

She has led her teams from Wake Forest University, University of Michigan and Northwestern University to finish in the top three seven times including four finishes as the first place team at the National Debate

Tournament.

"I'm very proud of her for what she has accomplished," stated sophomore Moo Nam. "I feel that she really enjoys and is good at what she does."

Brovero completed her bachelor's and master's degrees at Wake Forest. Focusing on communication, argumentation and politics, she said these subjects are "some of my biggest passions."

As a student at Wake Forest, Brovero's team placed in the top three at the National Debate Tournament both in 1994 and 1995.

"My original interest was accidental," said Brovero. During her first week of high school, she joined the debate team because her friends wanted to. "After that, I was hooked," she said.

RISE Program Designed to Accommodate New Students

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and student member of the RISE committee, said she has been involved in the program since the very beginning, passing along opinions, ideas and concerns that UMW students may have.

Khraibani, who is a first-generation college student, agreed that the program could increase retention rates.

"[Incoming students] just need some guidance from their peers," she said. "This program will allow us to guide the students into a greater path than if they were left alone to sink or float."

Junior Andrew Eames transferred to UMW this year from the Darton Community College in Georgia.

He said he felt "fairly discon-

nected" and would have liked being a part of RISE.

"Having someone to show me the ropes would have been invaluable," he said.

Eames explained that, through RISE, he might have participated in more campus activities, and would have been more prepared for course registration.

According to Sanford, the University plans to keep the program relatively small for its "pilot year," during which it will accept approximately 25 mentors and a similar number of mentees.

UMW's website for the RISE Peer Mentoring Program states that mentors must have a grade point average of at least 2.5, and other qualities that include good communication skills and lead-

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-Drema Khraibani

ership experience

"This mentor would be like a big brother or a big sister to a new student," said Sanford.

She encourages people to apply who would like to make a difference in an incoming student's experience.

Students may apply to be mentors through the Multicultural Center or through the Multicultural Center's website.



By ALEX VAN BEEK

Dec. 1

Campus police responded to a report of grand larceny sometime between 9:45 p.m. on Nov. 30 and 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 1 inside the Woodard Campus Center. Several items were taken, including \$80 in cash and a blue iPod nano. The investigation is still ongoing.

Dec. 2

Campus police responded to a reported possession of marijuana at Jefferson Hall at 7:42 p.m. One juvenile summons was served and three warnings for trespassing were given. None of the perpetrators were UMW students.

Campus police responded to a grand larceny of a visitor's bi-

cycle from the Sunken Road Parking Deck between 5:55 p.m. and 8:43 p.m. The investigation is pending.

Dec. 3

UMW police responded to an incident of vandalism involving an exit sign at Eagle Landing on the third floor between 1:40 a.m. and 2:25 a.m. The investigation is pending.

Campus police responded to an incident of vandalism at Eagle Landing where the perpetrator pulled a thermostat off the wall. It occurred on the fifth floor at 4:42 a.m. The investigation is pending.

Dec. 5

Fredericksburg police re-

ported that a UMW student, 18, of Roanoke was arrested for public intoxication, underage possession of alcohol and resisting arrest.

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Environmental Sustainability Hot-Button Issue on Campus

By BULLET STAFF

Environmental sustainability is an issue making its way to the forefront of the University of Mary Washington campus. The UMW community is working to improve sustainability on a personal, local and national level.

There are four areas of sustainability outlined by the UMW website: cultural, social, economic, and environmental.

In 2009, President Rick Hurley adopted sustainability practices and policies for the University. The President's Council on Sustainability (PCS) was created as part of UMW's Strategic Plan.

The PCS differs from other organizations on campus, as it is comprised of one-third faculty, one-third staff, and one-third students, according to PCS Co-Chair Melanie Szulczewski.

According to the UMW website, "The PCS is charged with the creation of a five-year plan and making recommendations on sustainability issues and policy, developing strategies for implementation of sustainability initiatives, and providing a cohesive public face for UMW sustainability efforts."

UMW Facilities Services are making sustainable choices for the management of landscape and grounds on campus.

According to Director of Landscape and Grounds and member of the PCS, Joni Wilson, all new buildings on campus must qualify for at least a

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver rating.

LEED certification is determined by several factors. For example, the way in which materials are recycled or reused during development or deconstruction.

As part of UMW's Nutrient Management Plan, fertilizer is used sparingly and fertilizers containing phosphorus are never used.

According to Wilson, UMW took a sustainable step when designing the landscape for the new Anderson Center. All plant material is native to the area.

Additionally, the UMW website states that beginning in the 2011-2012 academic year, UMW will be implementing a new sustainability campaign. Called Do One Thing, the campaign calls on the UMW community to pledge to make one change that will improve their personal sustainability.

For example, Hurley has pledged to recycle at Brompton and to use organic cleaning solution on his boat.

Of Hurley and Vice President Rick Pearce, Szulczewski said, "they've been very supportive and encouraging and so I do think sustainability is going to be even more prevalent on campus and in our community."

UMW students now have the option to minor in environmental sustainability. According to Szulczewski, more than 25 students have declared the minor.



Steps leading from campus walk toward Westmorland Hall.

While UMW strives to improve sustainability at the local level, members of the PCS and Ecology Club are also involved in a number of large-scale environmental projects. Some of the students have been active in demonstrations with the Keep the Ban organization and in protesting the Tar Sands Pipeline.

On Nov. 6, a group of 25 UMW faculty, staff, students, and alumni took part in the Tar Sands Pipeline Protest Rally in Washington, D.C. They were a

part of 12,000 other activists, who at this event, joined hands to protest the Keystone XL pipeline and ended up encircling the White House nearly three times.

"We can't stop Tar Sands production in Canada, but we can stop what happens here," said Junior Samantha Corron, an Ecology Club officer and a member of the PCS.

Lindsay Bennett, Bridget Balch and Rachel Berenbaum contributed to this report.

President's Council Voices Ban Support

By MOLLY HODGES

The UMW President's Council for Sustainability (PCS) has signed the Keep the Ban Resolution in support of the moratorium on uranium mining in Virginia.

Virginia Uranium, Inc. hopes to mine the largest untapped uranium deposit in the U.S., which is located at Coles Hill in Pittsylvania County. According to the Virginia Uranium website, the uranium deposit contains an estimated 119 million pounds of uranium.

"It's a matter of common sense to put the natural resources at Coles Hill to work as a powerful economic engine for the region and for the national security of America," according to the Virginia Uranium website.

This has been a key issue for the ecology club, which will continue to advocate for maintaining the uranium mining ban.

"The ecology club is especially active this year and they have been working very hard with the Sierra Club to keep the uranium mining ban in Virginia," said PCS Co-Chair Melanie Szulczewski, who is also the ecology club faculty advisor.

According to an article in the *Free Lance-Star*, "Virginia Uranium says mining can be done in an environmentally responsible way, and that the project would be an economic boom to the county and add to the nation's energy resources."

According to junior Graham Givens, an ecology club officer and a member of the PCS, if the ban is lifted in Orange County, the mining of uranium will produce about 29 million tons of toxic waste, which will ultimately end up in the Rappahannock watershed. This would be detrimental to the water supply

of Fredericksburg, Orange, Fairfax and Spotsylvania County.

"We're kind of breaking new ground in the sense that our group is going to be able to put out a statement saying this is what we support and kind of forward a request for the support of the university at large," said the Director of Landscape and Grounds and member of the PCS Joni Wilson.

The Virginia Sierra Club, the Southern Environmental Law Center, the National Wildlife Federation and the Virginia NAACP also support the resolution.

"If the uranium mining is going to produce more efficient energy resources, then it seems a little contradictory to me to protest it based on environmental principles," said junior Rebecca Lamm. She added that public health and safety was a concern for her too.

Freshman Alice Redhead said, "There are so many other ways to get energy that can be equally cost effective. I think it's pointless environmental damage and health risks for something that's not going to even last anyway."

In 1982, the Virginia General Assembly imposed a moratorium on uranium mining and tasked the Virginia Coal and Energy Commission with studying the effects of this type of mining on the environment and citizens of Virginia.

On Dec. 7, 1984, the Piedmont Environmental Council announced PEC Standard Policy 420. It discouraged uranium mining and milling in Virginia and stated, "there is no convincing evidence that uranium mining and milling can be conducted in Virginia in a manner that ensures the present and future safety of Virginia's residents and environment."



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Corrections

The *Bullet* mistakenly stated that Kwanzaa began Dec. 5. Rather, the university's Kwanzaa Celebration begins on Dec. 5. Kwanzaa doesn't begin until Dec. 26.

A *Bullet* article titled, "Smith Enters Record Book with Rare Triple Double" misspelled the writer's name as Michael Littlejohn. The proper spelling of his name is Micheal Littlejohn.

Viewpoints

Fall Semester in Review

At the beginning of the semester, we were a body of unorganized minds without a care in the world. But now, thanks to the University of Mary Washington and its endless attempts to market and promote, we are now an Eagle Nation where great minds get to work and pay more for tuition.

The city of Fredericksburg lost its Border's books, kicked the homeless out of downtown and complained that students living off campus were a nuisance to the community. We watched as Kim Kardashian got married...and then divorced, ten years of Harry Potter mania sadly concluded, and Steve Jobs went to the great iCloud in the sky.

UMW was occupied by protestors, shaken by an earthquake, flooded by a hurricane, mobbed by dancing orientation leaders during freshman orientation, and faced continued issues with on-campus parking. Chandler's days were numbered as it is slated for demolition while Seacobeck lived to see another year.

This semester saw the inauguration of a new university president, and the resignation

of the SGA president. A new website was launched, and a new marketing strategy was adopted as several pep rallies to announce these events were held and poorly attended. Eagle Landing had to be refinanced, and continued to be plagued by fire alarms, but no actual fires.

After saying words they never thought they would utter, "I miss Blackboard" when faced with the learning how to

Students occupied the Board of Visitors, protested when Karl Rove and Ken Cuccinelli arrived on campus, were given the option to "dine-up" at Seaco. We paid ten dollars to see Lion King again, but this time through 3D glasses, and rejoiced when the "Arrested Development" movie was announced. Zoëy Deschanel got divorced, and her own sitcom and the Muppets made a triumphant return to the big screen. Yet another Twilight

movie premiered and confirmed once again that Kristin Stewart can't act.

Sarah Palin announced that she wasn't running for president and Osama Bin Laden found a final resting place somewhere at the bottom of the ocean. We got excited that Obama was coming, then disappointed when he wasn't, then excited when he was, and then crushed when he wasn't...again.

Fall 2011 was a semester of natural disasters, political unrest, and Rebecca Black's "Friday."

Be thankful you survived.

Staff Editorial

use Canvas, faculty seeking raises were instead given Macy's gift cards. The *Bullet* was forcibly removed from its former home in Seaco, and UMW cops boarded segways in the name of campus safety. The Nest was renovated to incorporate our first chain dining location, Vocelli's Pizza, and the Underground became a hip-hop music festival. In an unrelated event, the one-strike policy was done away with. The St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series, the Redskins continue to do poorly and we continue to not have a football team.

Eagle Nation Stalls to Soar

By VALERIE LAPOINTE

Some student bodies are inherently spirited, while others have spirit thrust upon them. The University of Mary Washington now counts itself among the latter. Recent efforts by UMW's administration to foster school spirit in athletics have been nothing short of comical. The banner that now faces Rt. 1 reads "The rise of eagle nation, UMW Game Day."

Reading this I couldn't help but scoff.

There are currently plans to create a "21 and over" tent at sporting events where alcohol would be served, as well as create UMW game day towels. The hope is that a tailgating atmosphere will rise up around basketball games and other sporting events.

We don't have a football team; we don't have a huge stadium. We don't have a mascot people outside the university recognize and we are in no way considered one of the major NCAA players in Va. Try to change it all you want, but unless the school enters Division I and starts recruiting for a football team, I suspect things will pretty much stay the same.

It's like we are back in high school all over again. Virginia Tech, James Madison University and University of Virginia are the popular kids. Everyone likes them and knows about them for their legendary party scene, instantly recognizable school mascots and award winning football programs.

UMW is the quiet intellectual kid, not terribly interested in sports, but has the personality and charm that the other three aren't known for. Instead of flaunting this, we push aside our uniqueness and try to act like the popular kids, but we will never be like them, so why try? Why can't we just stop trying to be something we are not and celebrate the unique small community that we are?

Why is it considered a weakness that we don't emphasize the sports program? I understand



Courtesy of eagleeye.umw.edu

Eagle Nation pushes a sports culture unrecognized by UMW.

that some people select schools based on their athletic prowess. If all those students want from their four-year education is a sports team to root for well into middle age, then go to Virginia Tech or JMU. Students at UMW pick it because it is more than a mascot, a football team, our school colors or any one program.

We are a community that is welcoming and tolerant, being one of the first in Virginia to have gender-neutral housing. We are a campus that is politically active, with our own "Occupy UMW" movement and protestors showing up whenever something controversial is going on. We provide countless unique opportunities for students to give back and put their education to work through programs like Students Helping Honduras, founded by a UMW alumnus.

We are known, by those who are privileged enough to know of us, as an institution that prides itself on fostering a strong sense

of outreach and support for each other within the community. Instead of being on ESPN for our championship record, we are written up in places like the *Princeton Review* and *US News* and *World Report* for our rigorous academic program.

While studying abroad in Australia last semester I was ecstatic to catch a clip of UMW alum Charles Reed talking about the Freedom Rides program. I was more proud to be a UMW student in that moment than I ever would have if we just won a sports title.

We are unique and wonderful in our own right, even if our identifiers are not typical of a state university. So please, stop trying to JMU my UMW. I may never attend a sporting event or see my school on ESPN, but my diploma will mean more to me than a sports team; it will mean an education and a community that I will be proud to represent for the rest of my life.

Popular Majors Seem Jobless

For those of us graduating anytime soon, the real world is a scary place.

But, just because there isn't a 100 percent rate of employment for my fellow creative writing majors and me doesn't mean it should be eliminated.

A terrifying report from the Associated Press came out last week, describing steps China is taking to combat unemployment. Evidently, any program in higher education that experiences a 60 percent or higher rate of unemployment over two consecutive years will lose government funding or be eliminated all together, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

"The surge of college [sic] grads, while an accomplishment for the country, has contributed to an overflow of workers whose skill-sets don't match with the needs of the export-led, manufacturing-based economy," the article stated.

One of the endangered majors in China is biology, simply because demand doesn't yet

equate to the supply in the country.

However, this action by China's Ministry of Education has caused many in America to question the unemployment rate of recent grads here at home.

A list of the 25 most unemployed majors in America compiled by CBS News showed that

unhappy hour

By ANNE ELDER

clinical psychology, miscellaneous fine arts, U.S. history and library science topped the list, with a 19.5 percent unemployment rate for psychology majors.

At UMW, an estimated 16 percent of students major in social sciences, 10 percent major in psychology, eight percent in history and five percent in liberal arts, according to the College Board.

UMW: Where great, unemployed minds get to work.

But, not entirely. While lib-

eral arts jobs may not be sweeping the nation, the best part about being in a creative field is just that: we can create.

The danger that I see in China's actions is that in order to regulate the unemployment rate, they are potentially suppressing talented students' right to learn what they want. Any English major who suffered through a general education math or science requirement would know that being forced to major in a higher employment field would be

miserable for not only the students, but the professors as well.

However, within the humanities fields, education matters far less than ability and experience. If you go to Georgetown University for journalism but can't write a news article, good luck getting a job. Employers don't care as much about where you went to school or what you studied, as long as you can prove to them that you are capable of doing the job you are applying for.

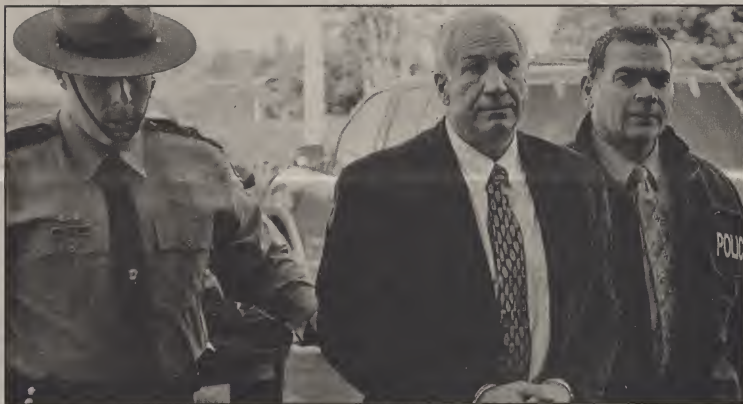
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New child rape charges have been brought up against Penn State assistant football coach.

Paterno: Guilty by Omission

By ONONNA KHAN

About a month ago, Joe Paterno, head coach of the football team for Penn State University, was fired. Paterno's failure to report sexual assault from the football team's former Defense Coordinator Jerry Sandusky back in 2002 caused quite a raucous within the community.

Paterno was aware of the situation with Sandusky because Assistant Coach Mike McQueary informed him of it nine years ago, yet he did not bring these accusations to the authorities immediately. Sandusky had the opportunity to sexually assault young boys under the name of a charity he founded; yet the authorities did not find this out until very recently.

Paterno, now 84, has not been criminally charged, and many would say that this is a good thing. He failed to bring up a serious issue to the authorities, but this does not change the fact that he dedicated a great portion of his life to Penn State's football team and led them to success.

He was a great contribution to the Penn State football team, but what he did is inexcusable.

Sandusky's actions were terrible, and for him to escape the law for all these years is an abomination.

Paterno did not commit the crime himself, but failure to report such a major issue not only made the abused children's lives

"The fact that Paterno did not report these findings to the authorities simply gave Sandusky an incentive"

hopeless, but jeopardized the safety of all the young and vulnerable boys in the charity.

I believe Sandusky thought it was possible to get away with these immoral acts, so he repeated them time and time again. According to cnn.com, Sandusky said, "I may have horsed around," but what he did is much worse than just "horsing around."

He acted as if nothing happened, while there are numerous reports of sexual assault from

families of young boys. The fact that Paterno did not report these findings to the authorities simply gave Sandusky an incentive. He took advantage of his opportunities and, as a result, ruined the lives of many vulnerable boys.

What is worse is that these boys were part of a charity, something that stood for a greater cause. By not bringing up the issue, Paterno only ruined his reputation. It is not as if he couldn't have replaced Sandusky.

No matter how uncomfortable Paterno was about accusing his defense coordinator, he shouldn't have pretended that the problem didn't exist, especially when it was ruining the lives of kids.

Social status has nothing to do with bringing up an important issue such as this. Sandusky committed the crime, but Paterno should have similar, if not equal, weight, because he did not report the problem as soon as he found out.

Not reporting these acts to the police only encouraged Sandusky to repeat his actions. Paterno and Sandusky are both guilty as charged.

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Viewpoints

Watch What you Wish for This Holiday Season

Looking for the perfect gift for that special someone?

Nothing is better than something you've made yourself. Unless, of course, this year's present is a crippling case of the clap. Sexually transmitted infections may be free, easy to come by and relatively permanent, but do your partner and your sex life a favor and make this the year you stay stingy.

I'm sure that none of you need to be told that the only way to prevent STDs is a condom or dental dam. Other family planning devices are effective as a means of preventing pregnancy but are significantly less effective when it comes to stopping the spread of 'bumpy.

Your girlfriend's birth control pills aren't as chock-full of anti-virals as you're probably hoping, and by the time your bacteria-ridden ejaculate comes anywhere close to an intrauterine device, the situation is already hopeless.

Pulling out doesn't work for much of anything, but it's funny to watch people try. Even if you're in there for less than a minute—in which case, you have other problems to deal with—you still run a significant risk of coming into contact with diseased tissue.

Most STDs can be spread even when the person isn't experiencing an outbreak, so "scope before you grope" shouldn't be your go-to strategy. That being said, it probably can't hurt.

If you want a detailed description of how to identify various infections, I would look to the Internet. The Mayo Clinic has good resources on STDs. In any case, if you see any signs of milky white discharge, inflamed areas or pustules of any color, it would be a safe bet to say that

you should move along. Sometimes, you're just better off not knowing the details.

Even condoms aren't entirely effective. The majority of people in college with an STD show no symptoms, so the only way to know you're clean is to get tested. If you're sexually active, you should get tested for STDs every couple months. It's painless, relatively simple and it will prevent you from earning a position as campus' own Typhoid Mary.

If you have a regular partner and you've decided to use a birth control method other than condoms—or you're dying for the loving embrace of a small child—make sure that you both get tested. Even if you've been in a committed relationship for several years, STDs can stick around unnoticed for decades.

An STD is the gift that truly keeps on giving. And giving. And giving you intense amounts of burning pain with urination. And giving you sterility. Any of which could effectively ruin your winter break plans. So, if there's one thing that you take care wrapping this month, let it be the part that brings you the most holiday cheer.

Sexclamations
By Claire Pickard



Courtesy of buzzfeed.com

New legislation would give the military power to indefinitely detain suspects without a trial. This includes American citizens.

New Legislation Brings Police State

By SACHA BRENAC

Big Brother, meet your 21st century replacement, the U.S. government. In the past several weeks, the Senate has been debating a bill that would, essentially, transform the U.S. into an authoritarian nation heavily controlled by the military. Think I'm exaggerating? Think again.

The National Defense Authorization Act, which passed in the Senate 93 votes to 7, would give the military the power to arrest, detain, interrogate and even potentially assassinate anybody suspected of terrorism.

The military would be given the power to detain suspects indefinitely without a trial, including American citizens. Any American citizen.

Some might think, hey, we're at war. Drastic times call for drastic measures. Well, that's what the German people thought in the 1930s.

Some might think I am exaggerating, but am I really? If this bill becomes law, and our president doesn't veto it, then what will stop the military from using its newfound power to suppress political opponents? Is that really too far-fetched? We are humans after all.

Emotions aside, this law is completely illogical. It gives the military interrogation, charging and trial powers, even though the FBI and other similar agencies were created specifically for that use, and are pretty efficient at them. In fact, the military, with its tribunals, are not very good at these legal actions.

So why is our civilian government succumbing to this new sense of militaristic nationalism?

Ever since the 1950s, the Military Industrial Complex (MIC) has more or less directed the economy and policies of this nation.

President Eisenhower, in a 1961 speech, warned us about the growing power of the MIC and its potential threat to our basic liberties. Defense in this country makes up for roughly 30 percent of government spending, and 47 percent of the entire world's military spending. Defense spending has been steadily increasing over the decades.

So, why should the American people be against this bill? It is fundamentally un-American. In fact, it is anti-American.

We are a republic whose entire existence is for the freedom and rights of all people who decide to be a part of the American experiment, the American experience and the American dream.

Is the American dream dead? Not yet. Does it still have a chance? Potentially. Will it survive the National Defense Authorization Act? No.

The American people have to stand up and say "enough," while we still can. We cannot let this new form of fascism consume the very existence of this country. We must bring the nation back to when the state and the people were one. And we must act soon, or else it will be too late.

As for me, if this passes, I'm moving to Canada.

"...the Senate has been debating a bill that would, essentially, transform the U.S. into an authoritarian nation heavily controlled by the military."

Corporations Aim at Net Neutrality

By JUSTIN THOMPSON

We all travel down Campus Walk nearly every day; it is an inescapable part of attending Mary Washington. Well, imagine if next semester a private corporation swooped in and starting charging money for how you walked through campus.

Those who could afford the premium package could stroll through campus whenever they pleased, while those who lacked the means would be relegated to walking a lap around the surrounding neighborhood to get to classes. This scenario sounds insane, but it is exactly the model that large telecommunication companies envision for the Internet. Internet Neutrality, in which Internet providers do not discriminate against certain

websites for any reason, is under attack. Corporations such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast want to fundamentally change the Internet as we know it.

These incredibly well funded groups are actively lobbying to privatize the Internet. If these companies were to gain complete control they could effectively regulate all aspects of Internet usage. All sites would have to buy into a specific speed "tier." These "tiers" would, among other things, regulate how fast a webpage is loaded for an Internet user.

So, established sites will be able to load faster than smaller start-ups and blogs. This would essentially kill the ability of a small, do-it-yourself website's ability to grow into a thriving business. Gone will be the days

where an Amazon, eBay, or Facebook can rapidly grow out of obscurity into staples of everyday life. This fight for Internet Neutrality has been ongoing for years, but unfortunately it has been largely ignored by the general public. This is largely due to the intense technical jargon that goes into explaining what is at stake, but this should not be the case any longer. The implications of the privatization of our Internet will affect every single Internet user.

The efforts to own the Internet pose a terrifying future for our free-and-open network, but unfortunately this is not the only attack. If any of you all are social networking fans, you may be familiar with the legislation known as Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect IP

(PIPA). In a nutshell, these acts will make it illegal to stream copy written material over the Internet. SOPA and PIPA would essentially force Internet providers to shut down sites that engage in copyright infringement.

This would target those sites we know and love, and are often times obsessed with, like Tumblr, Facebook and YouTube. Though infringement is definitely a bad thing, this legislation is incredibly overreaching and would essentially amount to Internet censorship. These two pieces of legislation are being pushed aggressively by the movie and music lobbies and championed by numerous Congressmen. The same members of Congress who often have little idea what this legislation actually entails. We face dire times for Internet freedom as we know it, and if these corporations get their way, the future is undoubtedly bleak.

For most, this is the busiest time of the semester. I was able to take time this weekend to contact my Congressman about this important issue. If you value the Internet as, not only a medium to procrastinate for finals and term papers, but also as one of the only true level-playing fields we have left for entrepreneurs, artists and innovators, then you should do the same. The more we educate ourselves on the dangers of Internet privatization and censorship, the easier it will be to counter those who fight to radically change the Internet as we know it.

Take Action to Diversify Campus

Why race should play a role in applications

By HENRY BRISIBE

As a black male attending a predominantly white university, I feel as though affirmative action is definitely in place today, and I am almost certain that my race played a part in me gaining admission to the University of Mary Washington.

The question is, how much consideration is given to one's

"Affirmative action is not done to give 'under-achieving' students a chance, but to consider students who are different from the majority..."

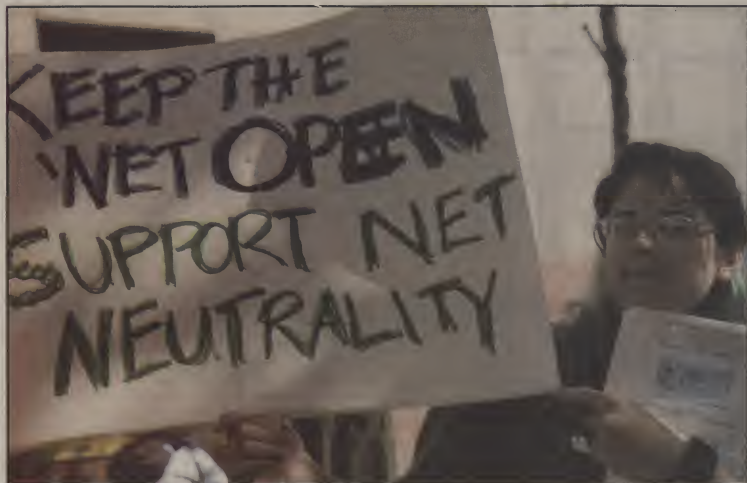
they might not have been included in otherwise.

Historically minorities have been discriminated against, and while this is less so today, sometimes the playing field needs to be leveled a bit. Minorities still have less access to the educational opportunities and high-salary job positions that those in the majority enjoy, so affirmative action helps to even the

scores on this. We live in a society where the involvement of all races is needed to create fair laws that benefit the most people. The population is no longer predominantly

white. America is more diverse now than it has ever been, and if projections are correct then in the very near future whites could become a minority for the first time in U.S. history. If there is not any proper representation of all races, how can we fairly make way for a better society?

The United States, unlike other countries, tries to incorporate all different kinds of ethnicities and backgrounds to accurately represent the voice of our country, and, as a result, is working its way to a more just and diverse society.



Courtesy of snblog.com

Net neutrality defines how we navigate through the Internet today; this could radically change with new legislation.

Style

One Note Stand's 'Mission' a Success

By AMANDA MCCULLOUGH

Taking the stage with a series of James Bond montages, dressed in sunglasses, heels and suits, acapella group One Note Stand began their "secret mission," code named "ONS1212011," to entertain a crowd of students, parents and faculty in Dodd Auditorium last Thursday, Dec. 1.

With three members dropping out throughout the semester, One Note had a tough start, but their final performance showed that this group could handle anything and still produce a top-notch performance.

With an energy that I haven't seen at an acapella show before One Note kept the pace and energy up through the night while also showing their sweet dance moves.

To start the night off, senior Bobby Tillet sang "Chicago" by Sufjan Stevens.

As president of One Note, Tillet has often been a soloist and has many fans with his smooth and talented voice, along with great stage presence. Moving



Marie Nicola/Bullet

Accapella group One Note Stand put on a show full of passionate performances in Dodd Auditorium.

ing through a series of songs including "Don't Want to Miss a Thing" by Aerosmith, sophomore Keegan Cooke got the

crowd energized and singing along to this classic hit, while senior Hillary Lyons' beautiful soprano voice could be heard

harmonizing throughout the night.

A key component of the night's success for almost any

acapella group is the vocal percussionists, and Inga Maleombho and Mitchell Bass did not let down the crowd as they

beat boxed from start to finish.

Maleombho showed another talent later in the night rapping during "Lost in the World" by Kanye West during the group's final number, which was by far the best performance of the night.

"Lost in The World" showed One Note's gift of musical arrangement done by senior Tommy Campbell, who as musical director for the group is responsible for all the musical arrangements that One Note uses.

Creating the arrangements himself allows One Note to showcase their skills and talents that fit their musical stylings, which "Lost in The World" did.

For those who are not musically inclined, acapella is truly a musical sport and takes talent to do.

Luckily, One Note isn't short on talent and you won't want to miss them when they perform again next semester at their annual Spring Concert.

'Jurassic Park' Brings Dinosaurs into Hi-Def

Re-live when dinosaurs ruled the earth on three-disc Blu-Ray set

By JOSHUA LAWSON

When the original "Jurassic Park" was released in 1993, I was still young enough to wonder why actors would sign up to be in a movie in which a dinosaur

would actually kill them.

Eighteen years, two sequels and a theme park ride later, the franchise is still one of my favorites, so when it came out on

Blu-Ray and I had to decide between buying the remastered films or eating, the choice seemed obvious.

In retrospect, I was absolutely right. The

rather than creating two hour blitzkriegs of the eyes to audiences to stare at through cheap glasses. I'm looking at you, "Avatar."

When the Tyrannosaurus Rex in the original film crashes through powerlines, stomps onto the road and lets out its mighty freight train of a bellow, the grandeur is absolutely incomparable to the soulless Technicolor forest planet and the blue cat-people of James Cameron's blockbuster.

Speaking of roars, the sound in the "Ultimate Trilogy" is impressive. Sound design has always been a large part of the "Jurassic Park" films, from the aforementioned and iconic T-Rex roar, to the creepy snarls and hisses of Velociraptors the audio aspects of the franchise play just as large of a role in the films as the visuals, and these movies have never sounded better.

Additionally, the "Ultimate Trilogy" is filled with bonus features and documentaries. Not only does the box set have all the features from past releases and re-releases of the film, it also debuts a brand-new six-part documentary, "Return to Jurassic Park," chronicling the films from the writing of the original script to the widely scorned changes made to dinosaur designs during the making of "Jurassic Park 3."

The documentary includes new interviews with nearly everyone from the cast of the three movies, as well as Stephen Spielberg, that provide an interesting, retrospective look back at the series.

Blu-Ray is an interesting medium, as it doesn't offer nearly as much as the conversion from VHS to DVD did, and instead relies on consumer's lust for largely unnecessary bells and whistles.

With that in mind, there are still films that truly shine in high-definition, and "Jurassic Park" and its sequel, "The Lost World," are undoubtedly two of them. The third one, not so much.

'Camp' a Dynamic and Satisfying Debut Album



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"Camp" is actor Donald Glover's first full album.

By SARAH PARK

Think back to your most memorable summer camp experiences. What do you think of? Telling ghost stories by the bonfire? Hikes in the woods? Catching fireflies? As a kid, camp was a place you went to escape boundaries and discover yourself. Using these nostalgic memories, comedian and actor Donald Glover (Troy from NBC's "Community"), otherwise known as rapper Childish Gambino, creates an overarching self-defining journey in his album, "Camp."

"Camp" is a truly intricate album that exists inside of society's mainstream hip-hop standards, as well as outside of them. Songs such as the album's first single "Bonfire" and "Backpackers" are Glover's attempt at breaking into the mainstream, MTV-esque hip-hop scene. In "Bonfire," Glover raps about things most rappers typically rap about, such as how many girls he can get and how much better he is than other rappers. At the same time, he also inserts questionable pop-culture references, such as "Made the beat and murdered it/Casey Anthony." Although he seems inappropriate at certain times, Glover is also stunningly self-aware in songs such as "All the Shine," where he asks existential questions such as, "What is the point of rap if you can't be yourself, huh?"

Individuality is a key theme in "Camp," especially in songs "All the Shine" and "L.E.S.," where Glover raps about finding his own identity and reconciling his own ambitions with those of his family. His verses are infused

with anecdotes about his personal struggles of growing up poor and an outsider in a white-dominated society that are thoughtful as well as thought provoking.

The beats that Glover created are another aspect that makes "Camp" incredibly diverse. Although he seems fond of the dubbed-up piano-and-chorus production trope (see "Hold You Down," "Outside" and "Letter Home"), Glover also includes a wide range of selections that are discothèque-appropriate (see "Heartbeat"), orchestral indie (see "Outside" and "L.E.S.") and 80's-inspired (see "Fire Fly").

Although the beats are incredible by themselves, Glover is a talented rapper so he is never undermined or overshadowed by his own instrumentation. His delivery is reflective of his own eccentric personality, which on one end of the spectrum, it's intense and outspoken and on the other end, it's extremely philosophical and pensive, without ever losing the audience's attention.

"Camp" is the manifestation of Glover's statement to the world. He is exclaiming that you can create a truly unique album of hipster beats combined with intense rap lyrics while still capturing the mainstream audience's adoration. Doing all of this while maintaining his own sense of individuality, Glover also spreads encouragement to his audience as a whole to be themselves and not allow society to define who they are. No matter what kind of music you're into, there's something on Glover's album that will cater to you individually.



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Style

'Modern Warfare' is Still Great After Third Installment

By THOMAS ELLA

My daddy always told me, "Don't fix what ain't broke, boy. Also, it should have been you who died." I took those words to heart, and clearly, so did Infinity Ward.

Infinity Ward, a developer gutted of many its most talented employees after "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2," has had two years to rebuild itself while simultaneously developing one of the most anticipated games of all-time. It was hard to tell whether they'd be able to do it.

And now, having spent exponentially more time playing "Modern Warfare 3" than preparing for exams and on the brink of failing out of college, I can tell you: They did it. On all fronts — single-player, competitive and cooperative multiplayer — "Modern Warfare 3" is a blast.

The single-player campaign is a five-hour rollercoaster ride where the quiet moments only exist to be blown wide open, and boy, do they. There's a manic intensity here that other first-person shooters have never been able to touch. Landmarks fall, people die, and the game barely bats an eye because there is just so much going on. It's World War III after all.

Unlike most big-budget games these days that just love to leave you with a cliffhanger and them with an excuse to churn out another sequel, "Modern Warfare 3" isn't afraid to definitively wrap things up. So if you've cared at all about the series' gruff, manlier-than-thou staple protagonists, Soap and Price, you'll definitely want to play through "Modern Warfare 3" to see how it all ends.

The competitive multiplayer is where we get to the "don't fix what ain't broke" wisdom. Let's say you're someone who's played "Call of Duty" game before: This game is going to feel very familiar at the outset. I mean, really, how much can the experience of pointing a virtual gun at a virtual person and pulling the virtual trigger really change?

But beyond the surface level, there are so many smart changes to the established "Call of Duty" that it's easy to declare it the best yet for the series.

There are awesome new modes like "Kill Confirmed," a brilliant twist on the standard "Team Deathmatch" where players drop dog tag when they die that need to be picked up by opponents to score or by team-

mates to deny the kill altogether.

At first, it seems pretty straightforward, but then another layer of strategy opens to you: Use tags as bait. Then a layer of paranoia opens to you: Every tag you see could be a trap.

It's a fantastic mode that showcases how "Modern Warfare 3" tries to mix up the standard tropes of the first-person shooter multiplayer experience that are all so familiar to us now.

All that's left, then, is for Infinity Ward to nail "Spec Ops," the cooperative, multiplayer component for two players that they introduced in "Modern Warfare 2." And once again, they didn't disappoint.

Spec Ops is now broken up into two distinct modes: "Survival," where you fight endless waves of increasingly difficult enemies until you die, and "Missions," meticulously designed scenarios to test the mettle of your two-man team, often putting you in vastly different roles, like having one player control a security system, watching and protecting his partner from hordes of enemies as he completes objectives on-foot.

"Missions" should be familiar to anyone who played Spec Ops in "Modern Warfare 2," and

still every bit as

fun, but I've been more impressed with how gratifying "Survival" can be. It's a simple concept, but it works beautifully. Both modes require real teamwork and communication, and when you and your partner are chewing through and everything's clicking, it's incredibly satisfying.

But what impresses me most about "Modern Warfare 3" is how quick the multiplayer matches are. Most clock in at under ten minutes, making it the perfect way to kill a bit of time before class. Just make sure you have the self-discipline to stop playing.

"Modern Warfare 3" delivers in every way. It's a terrific conclusion to the "Modern Warfare" saga and has multiplayer that's more addictive than ever before.

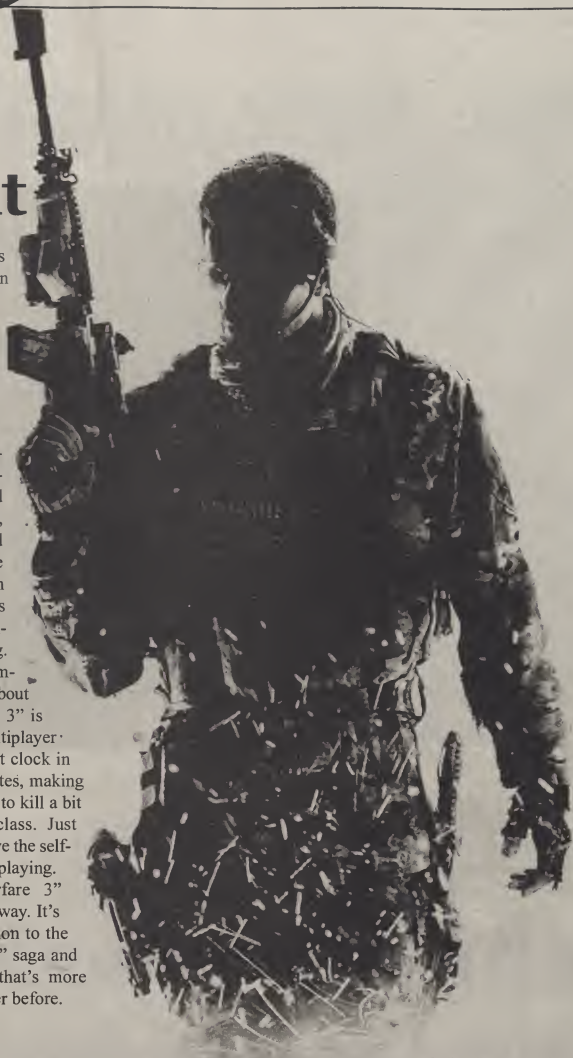


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Holiday Shopping for Vintage Fashion



Sarah Kelly/Bullet

Senior Stephanie Ospina and her vintage outfit.

By SARAH KELLY

It's hard to go through the holiday season without thinking back on holiday memories of waking to find a cover of white frost on the ground or the soft sound of flour scattered on the table before the sugar cookie dough is rolled out.

A distinctive piece of clothing can evoke memories in much the same way.

If you are at a loss as to what to get your friends and family this Christmas, consider vintage. Buying clothes and accessories second-hand is a great way to both spend your money wisely, and make sure that your gift is thoughtful and chosen with the recipient in mind.

Vintage clothing symbolizes something more than trends throughout the decades.

In our mechanized world of iPhones and Twitter feeds, it is nice to know the generations that came before us, to remember a

simpler time.

Vintage-inspired looks made a strong impact on the 2011 fall and winter runways, and the

icate cream button up blouse from Spain.

"I try to get a lot of my stuff there, just because no one else

"I'm really eclectic," she said of her sense of style. Her entire look is accented by a pearl necklace.

"I took it from my mom," Ospina said. "I don't really know where it came from."

Ospina plans to turn to vintage site Etsy for her holiday shopping this year.

"I love that website, I think everything is so charming and am usually browsing through it anyways," she said.

Other great places to find vintage pieces are boutiques such as Beaucoup Vintage downtown (208 William St.).

If full-price vintage items in store or online are out of your price range, consider

shopping carefully at thrift stores and on eBay. You never know what you may find.

Ospina's view on fashion encapsulates the only rule in vintage shopping: "It's very whimsical; it's fun for me," and that is exactly what the holiday season should be about, too.



trend has made its way onto the street, and our campus.

This week's profile, Stephanie Ospina, creates a perfectly balanced vintage inspired look. Stephanie, a senior majoring in Spanish and business administration, pairs a pleated green skirt from Urban Outfitters, a nod to the 70's, with a del-

has it," said Ospina, who often visits family in Spain. She accessorizes with black lace-up shoes and American Apparel tights with a subtle, yet sweet, heart shaped print. She adds an edgy spin to her feminine outfit with a cardigan complete with a skull and cross bones print, an eBay purchase from Japan.

Mary Washington Step Team Hosts Exciting Winter Bash

By JAMIA JORDAN

From their swag and their beats to the rhythm in their feet, all who came out in support of UMW's Alter Egos Winter Bash could feel the high energy and see the dedication in each passionate stepper as they performed for 250 guests.

Held in the Great Hall on Friday, Dec. 2nd, the party was hosted by DJ Incredible. Doors opened at 9 p.m., but the real party didn't start until 11 p.m. when the Alter Egos step team performed their intricate routine.

The team performed a three-minute rhythmic piece to the songs "Dance" by Big Sean, and "Welcome to the Jungle" by Jay-Z and Kanye West.

The audience was engaged throughout the entire performance while cheering for their

friends on the team as well. I even noticed a few audience members attempting some of the dance moves off to the side following the performance.

President and choreographer of the team, Michelle Gnoleba, said, "The Winter Bash turnout was awesome! A lot of people came out to party with us and DJ Incredible played the hottest tracks all night long. Thanks again, to those who came out!"

Preparations for the event started earlier in the semester when the team set a date and continued up until the day before the show with the team advertising with fliers, painting the rock and generating word of mouth buzz.

"It took a lot of work from the girls and I to throw the event, but it was definitely worth it. Our mission is to bring energy to

campus and that's what we did! Stay tuned for our next party," said Gnoleba.

Stepping at many other events this semester, such as the Performing Arts Club's small show, Taste of Asia, Bhangra Beat, half time at men's basketball game's and the Kwanzaa celebration, the team never seemed to have time to catch a breath.

Their energetic spirit is what we all need as we go into crunch time with final exams approaching next week.

However, I'm sure we will be seeing a lot more from them in the semester to come with bigger and better things. I can honestly say that this group closed the semester with a big bang.

British Television Series 'Misfits' Worth a Watch

By CAITLIN SHEEHAN

If you're looking for a new show to get into over winter break, "Misfits" might be just right for you. Originally airing across the pond on Britain's E4 network, "Misfits" is about a group of young working-class adults and how they cope with mysteriously gaining supernatural powers.

The series opens up with a freak lightning storm giving regular people superpowers.

It centers around five main characters: Nathan, the lovable jerk, Kelly, a girl who is out to prove herself, Alisha, who has taken a new lease on life, Simon, the shy hero, and Curtis, who is looking for a second chance at an honest life.

Forced to work together, the group learns to deal with their newfound powers and bond dur-

ing the process.

Even if you missed the first two seasons, fear not. Each season has a handful of episodes easily accessible on Hulu. Now in its third season, the series has dealt with a few changes. Robert Sheehan, who plays Nathan, which many fans have declared to be their favorite character, chose to leave the show. The series has done its best to find a fifth character to replace Nathan in Rudy, a character who we soon discover has a key connection to the original crew. I find that the show is still enjoyable and just as easy to get hooked on despite the loss of a key character.

Recently, Josh Schwartz ("Gossip Girl," "Hart of Dixie," "The O.C.") has been speaking to the creators of "Misfits" to construct an American series. The question is: If "Misfits" is

so successful on Hulu, is it really necessary to adapt it for American television?

"Misfits" was intended to be a British take on American super-heroes, but the amount of sex, drugs and curse words found in the original would make it difficult to "tone-down" for U.S. television.

If you find yourself unable to get into the original UK version, there is still hope in waiting out the possibility of an American version. Many fans have compared "Misfits" to the NBC show "Heroes," so I predict the adaptation will be similar.

After you've finished your last final, I recommend any interested readers to look up "Misfits" on Hulu over break when you've finally got a minute to breathe, and see if you'll become as addicted as I am.

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Campus Center Delayed One Year

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to bid construction documents," said Pearce.

He hopes the funding for these projects will become available in the next fiscal year of July 2013-July 2014.

"We will move forward with the planning process for the new Campus Center and we will work to coordinate sequencing of all of these projects in the most prudent and logical manner possible," said Pearce.

Graduates Crushed by Mounting Debt

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tough choices. And when a big chunk of every paycheck goes towards student loans, it isn't just painful for you—it's painful to our economy and harmful to our recovery."

Obama said that starting next year, his plan will allow student to cap their loan payments at 10 percent of their income as opposed to the current 15 percent.

Obama also proposed that student loan debt be forgiven after 20 years, as opposed to the current 25 years.

Additionally, Obama addressed the need to consolidate various federal loans. Currently, families may have multiple government loans with different monthly payments, according to

the *NY Daily News*.

"If the plan is approved, people with different types of federal loans would have the opportunity to consolidate, simplifying to one payment per month," writes *The NY Daily News* reporter Amanda Holpuch.

According to the Director of the Project on Student Debt Lauren Asher, one of the factors to the debt crisis is the fact that the cost of college is rising faster than both the average family income and student aid.

Furthermore, *CNBC* questioned whether a public university is truly cheaper in the long run than a private, for-profit university.

The *CNBC* report stated, "With state finances under pressure, public universities are rely-

ing more heavily on their students, raising tuition and recruiting more out-of-state students who pay higher rates."

At the University of Mary Washington, tuition rose 8.8 percent for in-state students and 5.1 percent for out-of-state students for the 2011-2012 school year, according to a *Bullet* article published last May.

According to the university website, Virginia residents currently pay a total of \$8,806 for the 2011-2012 school year, while out-of-state students pay \$20,534. These costs do not include room and board, or other necessary expenses, such as textbooks.

In Virginia alone, 58 percent of 2010 graduates left school with an average student loan

debt of \$23,327, according to a report released by the Project on Student Debt.

UMW's College Board profile states that the average debt for a UMW student after graduation is \$15,630, about 33 percent less than the state average.

However, according to data provided to the College Board, out of the 305 entering freshmen who qualified for need-based aid at UMW, 273 were offered aid, and only 32 had their full need met.

Senior Katelynn Wheeler was concerned by the school's lack of the need-based financial aid that is actually being met.

"I think it's unfortunate that only 10 percent of students applying for the aid had their full need met," Wheeler said. "Get-

ting an education is such a vital part of furthering your life and career, and when you are denied that opportunity because you cannot afford it, it is very disconcerting."

UMW Director of Financial Aid Debra Harber and Associate Director of Financial Aid Katherine Lister were both unavailable for comment.

There are some financial aid options that are designed to help cover more than just tuition, like aid offered by the companies like Higher One.

CNBC profiled Higher One's program.

"Those funds are supposed to cover books, housing and living costs," the news source stated.

Campus Theft Reporting Procedure Confusing to Some

By BULLET STAFF

How to prosecute thieves on campus has been confounding—is it a crime, honor-code violation, or both?—and some administrators are now working to clarify this.

One of the main sources of confusion is that an accusation can be reported to either the city police, campus police, the Honor Council or the department of judicial affairs. In addition, any one of these groups can refer the case to another. Furthermore, each group has its own set of rules, procedures and sanctions, according to Lt. Michael Hall.

Depending on which group ultimately judges the case, a student's penalty can range from a warning or 30 to 250 hours of community service, to jail time and a criminal record. Jail time can be up to 12 months and a \$2,500 fine for a petit larceny, or property valued at less than \$200. Penalties start with 12 months and \$2,500 for a grand larceny, or property valued

above \$200.

At a Nov. 3 meeting to discuss the reporting of cases to the Honor Council or Judicial Affairs, Hall, UMW campus police, Douglas Searcy, vice president of student affairs, and Ray Tuttle, director of judicial affairs and community responsibility, they discussed ways "to clean up the reporting system," according to Hall.

This included making sure everyone knew how to file a referral and reiterating that Searcy is the contact for Honor Council cases and Tuttle for most of Judicial Affairs.

Currently, if someone at UMW is accused of stealing, for example, a laptop or bicycle on campus and the value exceeds \$200, the case is handled by the UMW police. If the value of the property stolen is less than \$200, there are three channels for dealing with the case, according to Hall.

Normally, when someone is suspected of stealing an item valued at less than \$200, that

person is referred to the Honor Council, a student-run group that investigates possible violations of UMW's Honor Code, which covers lying, cheating and stealing, according to Honor Council President Aaron McPherson, a senior and business and economics double major. This code is based on that of UVA.

However, cases can also go to the Judicial Review Board, UMW's internal agency for ruling on numerous kinds of school policy violations, including alcohol, fire safety and property damage. The Judicial Review Board deals with the violation of UMW's Code of Conduct, which does not cover stealing, but it does involve the destruction of property damage, which can overlap into issues in stealing, according to senior Evan Butler, president of the Judicial Review Board, and a biology major.

"Damage to property, depending on its severity, where the damage occurs, and the hear-

ing preference of the accused student, might be handled by the JRB, but it might be handled by one of the Assistant Directors of Residence Life or by me," Tuttle said.

According to the annual security report filed on UMW's website, the police department dealt with 78 cases of larceny in 2008. The following year there were 66 cases, and then the number rose to 88 in 2010.

Since 2008, the UMW Honor Council has heard only three cases on stealing and one case is currently pending, according to McPherson.

"In all of the cases...the sanction has been community service in varying degrees," said McPherson. "This is not to say that a student couldn't receive one of the other sanctions, but that the Council feels like community service is an appropriate sanction for a violation like stealing."

Freshman Erin Davenport had an item stolen directly from her room.

"I think stealing would definitely be a big part of the honor code," said Davenport, "I felt like my privacy was breached because I knew someone had to go into my room."

Hall said there are essentially two different groups: the university administration, which includes the Honor Council and Judicial Affairs, and the police department.

"The UMW side follows the rules and regulations of the school, and the police department acts under the law, but they can sometimes overlap," said Hall.

According to Hall, the Honor Council and Judicial Affairs have proceedings that deal with the sanctions and guidelines set forth by UMW. While Honor Council and JRB often mirror the criminal process in judicial hearings, they are not legal proceedings.

Any cases of larceny are looked at by the campus police initially and then reported to the Honor Council through an ad-

ministrative referral. In return, Judicial Affairs and Honor Council must refer all of their cases that overlap with criminal law to the police.

Junior Courtney Moore, a Resident Advisor in Virginia Hall, agrees with the sanction for community service.

"I think community service should be involved because there should be some sort of consequence in it. It teaches a lesson because one has to actively do something about their actions," said Moore.

Before Judicial Affairs or Honor Council look at a case, it must go through any trials or procedures on the criminal side. According to McPherson, if the information of a case is not released within 10 days of the theft, the Honor Council may not hear the case, as mandated by the honor council constitution.

Cassidy Sciortino, Mandi Solomon, Alison Thoet, and Morgan Thompson contributed to this report.

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Sports

Fantasy Football Corner

By ZACH MORETTI

Start 'Em

QB: Rex Grossman (WAS): As every Redskins fan is well aware, Grossman is not a good NFL quarterback. However, fantasy football is about numbers, and Grossman has a very juicy match-up this week against New England. The Patriots rank dead last in pass defense (310 yards allowed per game) and have also surrendered 18 touchdown passes (tied for 17th in the NFL). Washington should get behind early and be forced to throw it a lot, which should allow Grossman to rack up numbers in junk time and help your fantasy team.

RB: Reggie Bush (MIA): The former USC Trojan is resembling his former Heisman winning form (before they stripped it from him) in recent weeks. Bush has topped double-digit fantasy points in each of the last six games, with all five of his rushing touchdowns this year coming in that span. The hot streak shouldn't let up this week, as the Dolphins face a friendly run defense in Philadelphia (115.6 rushing yards allowed per game and 11 touchdowns given up).

WR: Calvin Johnson (DET): In the four games since the Lions bye week, Megatron has been held in check by opposing defenses. Johnson is averaging just 72 yard receiving per game during that stretch with only one touchdown, and has posted three games of single-digit fantasy numbers. But this week is going to see the rebirth of the Megatron, as Detroit faces the 26th ranked pass defense in the Minnesota Vikings, who have also allowed an NFL worst 24 touchdown passes this season.

RB: Marion Barber (CHI)
WR: Michael Crabtree (SF)
TE: Dustin Keller (NYJ)
K: Billy Cundiff (BAL)
DEF: Seattle Seahawks

Sit 'Em

QB: Andy Dalton (CIN): The Red Rifle has put up solid numbers this year to put Bengals on the fringe of a playoff berth and place himself in the Rookie of the Year discussion. But Dalton



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Rex Grossman has a good match-up this weekend due to the poor pass protection of the Patriots.

has seen a slip in production in his past four games (averaging just 14.3 points per game) and this week he faces a stiff Texans pass defense that is the third best in the league. Look for another mediocre game from Dalton this week.

RB: Willis McGahee (DEN): The media circus that has surrounded Tim Tebow has overshadowed how well McGahee has been this season (averaging 11 fantasy points per game this season). However, despite the eight-year NFL veteran's resurgence, he is set to disappoint this week against a stout Chicago run defense. The Bears have the eighth best rushing defense in the league (99.8 yards per game allowed) and will surely focus in on the running game to force Tebow to beat them through the air.

WR: Mike Wallace (PIT): The Steelers' speedster has had a phenomenal season, but Week 14 will prove to be a speed bump in his 2011 campaign. Pittsburgh will rekindle an old rivalry when they face the

Cleveland Browns this week, and I'm sure it will shock many to hear that the Browns pass defense is the stingiest in the NFL (173 pass yards allowed per game). Wallace should see a lot of Cleveland CB Joe Haden, the man who has quietly taken the title away from Darrelle Revis as the best cornerback in the NFL.
RB: Beanie Wells (ARZ)
WR: Marques Colston (NO)
TE: Owen Daniels (HOU)
K: Robbie Gould (CHI)
DEF: Tennessee Titans

Add 'Em

QB: Matt Moore (MIA)
RB: Toby Gerhart (MIN)
WR: Johnny Knox (CHI)
RB: Donald Brown (IND)
WR: Demaryius Thomas (DEN)
TE: Jake Ballard (NYG)
K: Nick Folk (NYJ)
DEF: Denver Broncos

Last Week: 10-6
Overall: 79-74-10

Swimmers Participate in Gettysburg Invitational

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(4th - 1:34.55); Norfolk also got 3rd in the 100 butterfly (50.84); and 4th in the 400 medley relay (3:33.11).

The meet lasted two days and required the team to spend the night at a hotel, before returning to the pool on the second day for 16 hours. Despite the long hours and tough competition, the team stayed positive.

When Anderson was asked if there were any areas that the team had needed to improve in, he responded, "No, I actually feel like we did pretty well at this meet."

Most everyone stepped up to the plate. The majority of the team got best times for the season. It was a good meet."

With a record-breaking win, third place finish, and another sixth place finish, Anderson attributed his excellent performance to his team's support.

"Coach Abby and the team, they all encouraged me to work harder and

"It is always exciting to have people putting up great swims in December as it sets them up well for second semester and our Conference championship"
- Coach Brethauer



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Freshmen Alex Anderson, left and Robin Brazier have made immediate impacts on the Eagles squad.

our training is great, Anderson said."

The women's team had multiple finishes in the top four from junior Lindsay Ancellotti (4th in the 100 butterfly - 1:00.12), in the 100 backstroke (4th - 1:00.59), the 800 free relay (4th - 8:02.21); freshman Robin Brazier (4th in the 200 backstroke - 2:12.37), sopho-

more Kristen Callahan (3rd in the 400 IM - 4:46.28), senior Megan DeSmit (2nd in the 100 breaststroke - 1:08.08), sophomore Amber Kerico in the 200 breaststroke (4th - 2:30.78), sophomore Allison Martin (2nd in the 200 butterfly - 2:11.71), the 400 freestyle relay (4th - 3:43.99), the 200 medley relay (3rd - 1:50.92), and Allison Martin (3rd - 2:14.14) and Robin Brazier (4th - 2:14.57) in the 200 IM, and the 400 medley relay (3rd - 4:06.56).

The Eagles' next meet with take place on Jan. 13 at St. Mary's College against Frostburg State at 3 p.m.

Athletes of the Week



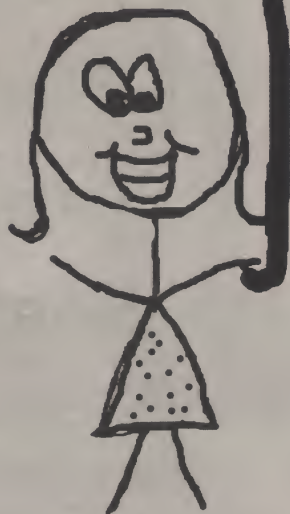
◀ E.J. Willis who had 20 points, 6 rebounds in 17 minutes of action.

Jenna McRae who had a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds ▶



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Sports

Men's Basketball Tops Frostburg State

Willis energizes crowd with 20 points; team sits at 6-2



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior guard Mike Harvey has been a powerful force coming off the Eagle's bench. The team defeated Frostburg State University on Saturday, bringing their winning streak to six games.

By JONATHAN SPEES

As the men's basketball team took the court on Saturday afternoon, they were greeted by a gym full of students wearing white. The Eagles were set to tip off against conference rivals Frostburg State University and improve their conference record to 2 and 0. Coming off of a win against Stevenson the previous Wednesday, Mary Washington

looked to continue their five-game win streak.

The two teams began the game by trading baskets and although the score was even through the first 10 minutes, Mary Washington appeared to be the dominant team. They were faster and seemed more ready to play from tip off, however they struggled to make their shots in the beginning, making the game appear closer than it

was.

Despite their relatively slow start towards the end of the first half, the Eagles were able to find their groove and the shots started falling.

At halftime the score line read Eagles 34, Bobcats 19, and the game appeared to be heavily in favor of the home team.

As the second half began the Eagles kept shooting well, however Frostburg made a valiant at-

tempt to try and get back into the game.

With just 40 seconds left, Frostburg was able to cut the lead to four points only, and the game looked in danger of going into overtime.

Following the Frostburg three-pointer, sophomore point guard Walt Smith was able to find fellow sophomore E.J. Wallis for a game-sealing dunk that really got the crowd in-

involved. Willis was the high scorer for the Eagles, finishing with a total of 20 points including his game-ending dunk.

Senior Henry Brisibe, who finished the game with nine points and a team high twelve rebounds, commented following the game, "Frostburg is a good team but we fought hard all forty minutes and were able to keep our streak alive. Right now after winning six straight we feel like there is no team that can beat us.

Our team chemistry is as

good as it's been in a long time. We all work well together and are really playing well as a team. The fan support has been great at home and that is always good to see and be a part of. I feel like the student body is really getting behind us so we're going to keep trying to show our appreciation by getting wins."

Senior shooting guard Ryan Farrar, who was unfortunately sidelined due to a hand injury, said about the game, "It's always difficult when you have to sit on the sideline and can't play, but I'm incredibly proud of my team for getting the win without me. They really played well and despite a slow start they never lost hope and fought well the entire game. As much as I hate not playing it is good to know that the team can play well with or without me."

The Eagles fought off a strong Frostburg team to improve their overall record to 6 and 1 and their conference record to 2-0.

They have currently won six games straight and have started to receive votes for the NCAA top 25 teams in division three nationally.

They faced off against Newport News Apprentice on Dec. 6 where they fell 76-74 to end their streak. The Eagles take on conference rival Marymount tomorrow in Arlington.

Swim Team Places Third

By EVAN HICKS

In their last meet of the semester, the men's and women's swim teams competed at the Gettysburg Invitational Swim Meet on Dec. 2nd and 3rd. While the team did not win the meet, many members of the team finished with excellent results.

Both the men's and women's teams finished third at the Invitational, while Johns Hopkins won in both categories. Coach Abby Brethauer was especially enthusiastic about the teams' opportunity to race against multiple Division I schools.

"For us to have the opportunity to race Hopkins, Gettysburg, and Dickinson is awesome, because they have so many talented athletes [all three teams were at NCAA's last year and Hopkins is a top 10 team in the country]... It is always exciting to have people putting up great swims in December as it sets them up well for second semester and our Conference championship," Brethauer said. The men's team's top performer at the meet was freshman Alex Anderson, who took third in the 200 breaststroke (2:10.31), won in the 400 IM (4:03.91), and set a pool record during his win. Also of note were senior Billy Norfolk in the 200 butterfly (2nd - 1:51.3), junior Andrew Garafolo (2nd), freshman Eric Phung (3rd), and junior Jack McHugh (4th) in the 1650 freestyle; the 200 medley relay

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UMW Women Demoralize Bobcats; Remain Undefeated

By STEVE SILVERTHORNE

The Eagles extended their undefeated win streak to 6-0 this past Saturday in a 64-31 victory over Capital Athletic Conference foe Frostburg State University. Senior guard Jenna McRae recorded a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds and senior guard Katie Wimmer scored 15 second half points while playing with four fouls to lead the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team to victory. The Eagles improved to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in league play.

The Eagles started out sluggish in the first half, and led just 16-15 at halftime on a last second jumper by sophomore guard Sam Partonen. The Eagles shot just 15 percent from the floor in the opening half, but limited Frostburg to just six baskets and a low 31 percent shooting.

The second half was a completely different story, as the Eagles shot a scorching 55 percent, and limited the Bobcats to 24 percent with only six baskets. Wimmer, who picked up her fourth foul in the opening minute of the half, took over, scoring 11 of the Eagles' first 13 points of the half in a five minute span.

Leading 33-24 with less than 15 minutes to play, senior guard Rachel Martin hit a three-pointer to up the lead to 36-24, and Frostburg State did not get within single digits from there on out. The run was 18-2, and gave UMW a 38-24 lead with 12:51 to play.

The Eagles led in points in the paint with 22 to Frostburg's four, and had a 25-0 margin in points off turnovers. Frostburg had 23 turnovers, to the Eagles' 13.

Wimmer added five assists and Partonen scored nine for the Eagles, while Martin added nine



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Katie Wimmer is averaging 16 points and is a key leader for the undefeated Eagles.

on three of five shooting from behind the arc.

Even though the Eagles remain perfect, the ladies know they still have room for improvement.

Junior Carol Dye said "We know we have the potential to succeed and go far. We all have the right mindsets and mentality towards the game and our team. We're constantly there for each other, on and off the court, but we need to focus more on communication and working together on the floor to reach our full potential."

The team has earned recognition this past week in the NCAA poll as one of the top 25 women's basketball teams in the nation for Division III, at No. 24. They are the only team in the Capital Athletic Conference in the top 25 and the only one that has received any votes for it.

However, the Eagles are not satisfied with that position and know that if they keep their win streak alive and continue to improve their weaknesses they can jump high up in those polls.

The Eagles set their goals high this season, and with the 2007 Final Four women's team

being honored before Saturday's game, the ladies could not help but be encouraged.

Dye said that, "The Final Four team being recognized during our first home opener was really inspirational and motivating to all of us. We're definitely capable of going far and if we are able to reach our full potential than the sky is the limit."

However, for now the Eagles main concern is taking it one game at a time and giving it everything they have every moment on the floor, to set themselves up to be successful and to finish the season with no regrets.

Sophomore Brienne Matthes added to the thought saying, "Living up to a legacy like that one can be a lot of pressure but we have a lot of potential this year and as long as we keep working hard we will put ourselves in a position to be successful."

The Eagles have a few days off and will play again tomorrow when they go to conference rival Marymount University at 6:00 p.m.

Rachel Martin: Rebounds From Injury, Ready to Play

By RYAN FARRAR

Rachel Martin is a 4th year player for Mary Washington's own 24th ranked women's basketball team. Martin is always up for a challenge and thrives in tough situations. She is always looking to take the last shot or make that important steal or anything her team needs her to do in order to win. She is a winner on and off the court.

Martin is a Biology major and will graduate the spring of 2012. She chose the University of Mary Washington because it is a challenging school academically and the women's basketball team has a great history of winning.

Martin has played during each of her four years here at Mary Washington. She has had to play through injuries throughout her career, but was really tested after last year's injury.

Towards the end of the women's basketball season last year Martin tore her ACL and was out indefinitely for the rest of the season. She was even told that there is a likely possibility that her career may be over. The season wrapped up with the women's team falling short of a CAC Championship as well as a NCAA berth.

During this past offseason,



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Rachel Martin went 3 of 6 from beyond the arc against Frostburg State.

Martin was determined to rejoin her team by any means necessary. She went through a grueling rehab program as well as strength exercises to be able to run and cut to play basketball with her team.

When asked how she stayed so motivated all the time, Martin responded, "I am motivated by my teammates that work hard every day. We have such a great support system here: from the fans to our coach to our man-

agers."

She went on to say, "it's kind of easy to be motivated around people who care a lot about you and your success. We all have goals at the beginning of the year and the only way to get to them is by working hard every day."

This year, against all odds, Rachel has not only rejoined the team but is having a promising senior season with the Eagles. The women's basketball team is currently undefeated and ranked 24th in the nation.

Brienne Matthes, a second year women's basketball player, said about Martin, "Rachel is one of the best teammates you can ask for; she leads by voice and by example. She works her butt off day in and day out, and is always there for each and every one of us. She also tends to provide us with some pretty entertaining moments."

Martin's perseverance is a truly inspiring story to any athlete battling injuries. After graduation Martin hopes to have the opportunity to travel overseas to possibly coach basketball. If that doesn't work out then she plans to find a coaching job close to home in Northern Virginia. Martin will be sincerely missed at the UMW.

Upcoming Events

Men's Basketball:

12/9 at Marymount
12/18 vs. Roanoke College
12/29 at Alvernia College
12/30 at Embry Riddle

Women's Basketball:

12/9 at Marymount
12/17 vs. Christopher Newport
12/28 at Keene State